Reviewer's report

Title: Ageing and smoking contribute to plasma surfactant proteins and protease imbalance with significant correlations to airway obstruction

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Reviewer: Meng-Chih Lin

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1. All the questions and comments had been well responded and answered. The revised manuscript is now readable and acceptable.
2. One minor essential critique should be revised before acceptance.
   page 5, line 10: The sentence of "The selection of these...was based on previous studies on COPD...progression" should have references.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests